

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle numbers on Minnesota farms on January 1, 2006, were down 2 percent from the January 1, 2005, inventory. Minnesota's 2005 calf crop, at 800,000, was 2 percent below 2004. Meanwhile, sheep and lambs were up 7 percent from the January 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory of all hogs on December 1, 2005, was up 2 percent from a year earlier. Annual farrowings, at 1,125,000, were 2 percent below the previous year. A pig crop of 10,351,000 was produced in the state during 2005, up slightly from 2004. The average annual litter rate of 9.20 was up from 9.04 in 2004. All chickens on farms were up 8 percent from a year earlier.

The combined value of all livestock and poultry on Minnesota farms was \$3.2 billion at the end of 2005. All cattle and calves, valued at \$2.4 billion, were up 6 percent from a year earlier. The value of hogs on hand on December 1, 2005, accounted for \$726 million, down 7 percent; all sheep and lambs, \$22.8 million, up 19 percent; and all chickens, \$22.0 million, up 8 percent from last year.

The number of cattle operations was down 1,000 from last year while hog operations dropped 100 from 2004. Operations with milk cows decreased 300 and beef cow operations were down 200. All sheep operations remained the same as the previous year.



LIVESTOCK: January 1 Inventory, Minnesota, 2002-2006

Year	All Cattle	Cattle on Feed	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs 1/	All Sheep
			1,000 Head			
2002	2,500	285	500	400	5,800	160
2003	2,450	300	480	400	6,100	150
2004	2,400	310	465	395	6,500	140
2005	2,400	290	460	395	6,500	145
2006	2,350	290	445	390	6,600	155

1/ Inventory as of December 1 the previous year.

LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations, Minnesota, 2001-2005 1/

Year	Number of Operations With:				
	All Cattle	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
			Operations		
2001	29,000	7,800	15,500	6,500	2,900
2002	29,000	7,200	15,500	5,800	2,800
2003	28,000	6,600	15,300	5,700	2,700
2004	27,000	6,100	15,200	5,000	2,600
2005	26,000	5,800	15,000	4,900	2,600

1/ An operation is any farm having one or more head of livestock on hand at any time during the year. Some farms will be in more than one category.